



Total
Solar

Eclipse

Know Before You Go



Boise National Forest



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The Boise National Forest is the seventh largest National Forest in the United States. It is 2.6 million acres of beautiful mountains, meadows and valleys with scenic vistas and dynamic rivers. The forest is home to bear, elk, deer, wolves, woodpeckers, owls, bull trout, salmon and numerous other wildlife.

Some Closure Orders are in place for employee/public safety and to protect natural resources. More closures may be put in place as forest conditions change. For information on all forest closures visit: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/boise/alerts-notice>

Some areas within the path of totality are closed:
(Please note not all closures are listed below)

- * **Scott Mountain Lookout Road**, National Forest System (NFS) road 555SC will be closed.
- * **Areas within the 190,000 acres of the 2016 Pioneer Fire:** Timber salvage operations are ongoing. Some NFS roads, trails and areas off State Highway 21 north of Idaho City, Idaho, will be closed for public safety. Visitors will encounter more traffic from logging trucks using forest roads. **Please travel cautiously.**

Stay alert traveling or camping within the Pioneer Fire area. Snags or dead trees are continuing to fall and washouts or debris flows may result after heavy rains.

- * The meadows between **Bear Valley Creek and NFS roads**, including the stream and stream banks, will be closed to all access to protect habitat for salmon migration. Roads through this area remain open. This area is very sensitive and we ask visitors to help us protect this valuable resource.

Preparing for your forest visit:

- * Let someone know where you are going.
- * Stop by a Forest Service office to buy a forest map. You can download a free Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) to your smart device before your visit. For information about map products or downloading, visit: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/boise/maps-pubs/?cid=STELPRDB5053223>
- * GPS navigation systems may be unreliable within the forest and you may be directed to unsuitable roads.
- * Do not expect cell phones or tablets to work. Many areas throughout the forests do not have cellular reception.
- * Be prepared for highly congested roads and camping areas especially the day of the eclipse. Carry extra food, water and be prepared if you get stranded and have to spend the night.
- * Most Forest Service roads are unpaved and suited for high clearance vehicles only. When driving an RV or pulling a trailer, be sure the roads you travel are suited for your vehicle.
- * Keep roadways open for emergency traffic and do not block the road in any way.

NFS road 555 (Scott Mountain Road) will be designated one-way traffic for public safety Aug. 18-21, 2017.

**Northbound traffic is open from 6 a.m. -1 p.m.
Southbound traffic is open from 1—7 p.m.
Two-way traffic is open to 7 p.m.—6 a.m.**

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Aviation — Drones and Backcountry Landing Strips

Drones: Please respect other visitor's privacy.

- * Do not fly near a wildfire or into areas with Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFRs), it is against the law!
- * Fly at least 5 miles from an airport/backcountry airstrip.
- * Do not interfere with manned aircraft operations
- * Do not fly over congressionally designated wilderness areas (Mechanized/motorized equipment is not allowed).
- * Do not fly over or near wildlife. Drones may stress animals and cause them harm.

Backcountry landing strips are expected to be used by backcountry pilots to view the solar eclipse.

- * **Please do not camp within an active landing strip** (Backcountry pilots with passengers may camp near their planes).
- * For more information: <https://idahoaviation.com/idahoAirstripNetwork.php> or <https://www.facebook.com/idaho aeronautics/>

Stage 1 Fire Restrictions are in place beginning Aug. 11, 2017 until further notice. Wildfire conditions are high.

- * Campfires are allowed only in designated recreation sites and only within a permanent metal or concrete Forest Service provided structures.
- * Smoking is allowed in a building or enclosed vehicle, a developed recreation site or in an area barren or cleared of all flammable materials. Penalties: \$5000 fine and/or six months imprisonment. For more information visit: www.idahofireinfo.com/p/fire-restrictions.html

Fire Safety Facts

- * Fireworks are illegal on national forest system lands.
- * Any person who starts a wildfire, even accidentally, can be billed for the cost of the fire suppression.

Important fire safety checklist:

- * **Be sure you are in an area that allows campfires!**
(Fire restrictions have specific requirements.)
- * Make sure an adult is present.
- * Keep a bucket of water and a shovel nearby.
- * Never leave a campfire unattended .
- * Be sure the fire is cold before you leave. **If it is too hot to touch, it's too hot to leave!**
- * For wildfire information visit: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov>



For more information about the solar eclipse and the Boise National Forest visit:
<https://www.fs.usda.gov/boise/>